Midds. ſſ. *Ad General' Quarterial' Seſſion' Pacis Domini Regis tent' pro Com'* Middleſexiæ, *apud* Hicks-Hall *in* St. John-Street, *in Com' prædict', per Adjorn' Die* Sabbati *ſcilt' Triceſſimo Die* Aprilis, *Anno Regni Domini* GEORGII, *nunc Regis* Magnæ Britanniæ, *&c. Primo*; *coram* Johanne Rotherham, *Armigero*; Henrico Dutton Colt, *Baronetto*; Joſepho Offley, Henrico Barker, Richardo Woollaſton, Johanne Chamberlaine, Johanne Venner, Roberto Thornhill, Edwardo Johnſon, Jacobo Cardonnel, Thoma Railton, Johanne Fuller, Laurentio Saint Lo, Galfrido Saunders, Michaele Crake, Johanne Poulſon, *Armigeris*; *& aliis ſociis ſuis Juſticiariis dicti Domini Regis ad Pacem in Com' prædict' conſervand' necnon ad diverſ' Felon' Tranſgr' & alia Malefacta in eodem Com' perpetrat' audiend' & terminand' aſſign', &c.*

UPON Complaint made unto this Court by ſeveral Inhabitants of this County, That by one Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, Intituled, *An Act for reducing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, Sturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, into one Act of Parliament, and for the more effectual Puniſhing ſuch Rogues, Vagabonds, Sturdy Beggars, and Vagrants, and ſending them whither they ought to be ſent*, All Perſons pretending themſelves to be Patent Gatherers, or Collectors for Priſons, Gaols, or Hoſpitals, and wandring abroad for that Purpoſe, All common Players of Interludes, Minſtrels, Jugglers, All Perſons pretending to be Gipſies and to tell Fortunes, All idle Perſons wandring abroad and Begging (except Soldiers, Mariners, or Sea-faring Men, Licenſed in ſuch manner as is therein, mentioned) are to be deemed Rogues and Vagabonds, and every ſuch Rogue or Vagabond as ſhall be found in any Pariſh or Place wandring or begging or miſordering him or herſelf, is by the Conſtable or other Officer of ſuch Pariſh, or any other there dwelling to be apprehended and conveyed before ſome Juſtice of Peace in or near ſuch Pariſh or Place, who is to examine and inform himſelf, as well by the Oath and Examination of the Party, as of any other Perſon, or by other Ways and Means of the Condition and Circumſtances of the Perſon apprehended, Place of Abode, or Birth, the Subſtance of which is to be put in Writing and ſubſcribed or ſigned by the Party, and tranſmitted to the Quarter Seſſions to be kept on Record, And if it appears ſuch Perſon hath obtained any Legal Settlement, Then to be ſent to his Place of laſt Legal Settlement, and if any Perſon who hath obtained a Legall Settlement be found Wandring and Begging or miſordering him or herſelf as aforeſaid, they and ſuch as ſhall be apprehended as Rogues or Vagabonds before they be paſſed, are (if the Juſtice thinks fit) ordered to be openly Whipped or ſent to the Houſe of Correction for hard Labour, which Puniſhment the Conſtable is to ſee Executed: And all looſe, idle, and diſorderly Perſons, Blind, Lame, or pretending to be ſo, or with diſtorted Limbs, or pretending to ſome Bodily Infirmity, placing themſelves to Beg in the Streets, High-Ways, or Paſſages, to the Annoyance and Diſturbance of Paſſengers, or who ſhall be found Begging in that Part of *Great-Britain* called *England*, are upon Complaint thereof made to the Conſtable, or in his Abſence to the Headborough or Tything-Man of the Precinct, Liberty, or Place where ſuch Perſon ſhall be found Begging to be removed, And in Caſe he or ſhe ſhall refuſe to be removed, or being removed, ſhall offend a ſecond Time, then ſuch Perſon ſhall be ſtripped naked from the Shoulders to the Waſt and whipped 'till his or her Body be Bloody: And all Conſtables and other Pariſh Officers neglecting their Duty herein, are to incurr ſuch Penalties as are contained in the ſaid Act: And that notwithſtanding the reſpective Conſtables and Pariſh Officers have been duely informed of the Contents of the ſaid Act of Parliament, and had Abſtracts thereof delivered to them, yet by their Neglect of their Duty, and in Contempt of the ſaid Act, and the Penalties therein contained, very many Looſe, Idle, and Diſorderly Perſons do frequently place themſelves to Beg in the Streets, High-Ways, and Paſſages in this County, to the great Annoyance and Diſturbance of Paſſengers. And upon Reading of a Report made unto this Court by ſeveral of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for this County, to whom it was referred to inquire into the Cauſes of the ſaid Neglect, and to conſider of ſome Method for effectually putting the ſaid Law in Execution. IT IS thought fit and Ordered by this Court, That the High-Conſtables of the reſpective Hundreds of *Oſſulſton*, *Edmonton*, *Gore*, *Elthorn*, *Spelthorn* and *Iſtleworth* in this County, do forthwith Iſſue out their Precepts to the ſeveral petty Conſtables and Headboroughs within their reſpective Diviſions, thereby requiring them to apprehend all ſuch Perſons as they ſhall find to be Offenders againſt the ſaid Act of Parliament, and more particularly All ſuch Perſons as ſhall within their reſpective Pariſhes or Precincts be found Wandring, Begging or Miſordering themſelves, All Perſons pretending to be Collectors for Priſons, Gaols, or Hoſpitals, and wandring abroad for that Purpoſe, All Perſons uſiing any ſubtle Craft, or unlawful Games or Plays, All Looſe, Idle, and Diſorderly Perſons, Blind, Lame, or pretending to be ſo, or with Diſtorted Limbs, or pretending ſome Bodily Infirmity, and placing themſelves to Beg in Streets, High-Ways, or Paſſages, to the Annoyance and Diſturbance of Paſſengers; AND to Convey or cauſe to be Conveyed All ſuch Offender or Offenders before one or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this County in or near the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended, to be puniſhed and dealt with according to the Direction of the ſaid Act of Parliament. AND the ſaid ſeveral petty Conſtables and Headboroughs are hereby required forthwith to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to ſee the ſaid Act of Parliament be effectually put in Execution, and to return an Account in Writing of their Proceedings herein to his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this County at their reſpective petty Seſſions held within their Diviſions in this County. AND all his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this County are hereby deſired within their reſpective Diviſions, from Time to Time, as often as conveniently may be, to hold petty Seſſions, and take a ſtrict Account of the Proceedings of all their reſpective Conſtables and Headboroughs touching the Premiſes contained in the ſaid Act of Parliament, And to Iſſue out from Time to Time ſuch further Orders as they ſhall think neceſſary for putting the ſame in Execution; AND to puniſh all ſuch Conſtables and Headboroughs as they ſhall find remiſs in their reſpective Duties touching the Premiſes, by Cauſing the Penalties contained in the ſaid Act to be levyed on every Perſon offending againſt the ſaid Act of Parliament.

AND IT IS further Ordered by this Court, That the Clerk of the Peace for this County do cauſe a ſufficient Number of this Order to be printed, and one of them to be affixed upon the Gates of *Hicks's-Hall*, and ſend a competent Number of them to the ſeveral High Conſtables of this County, who are Ordered by this Court to cauſe the ſame to be affixed upon all publick Places within the ſeveral Pariſhes, Hamblets, Liberties and Precincts in their reſpective Diviſions within this County, And to ſend the ſame to the ſeveral Petty-Conſtables within their ſeveral Diviſions, togethe with ſuch Precepts, as are above Directed.

Per Cur'

Harcourt.